

24 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead. CH41 6AY

APP/24/00422

National Planning Policy Framework, Paragraph 199, requires the consideration of the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, with great weight given to the assets conservation. The most important the asset, the greater the weight should be.

The applicant has confirmed 24, Hamilton Square is Listed Grade 1.

[In the submitted Heritage Statement](#), the applicant states '24 Hamilton Square has all its original features remaining.' (Para 2.1). Further, the applicant states that existing internal features will be restored (Para 2.9).

However, in the submitted planning application documents and drawings, there appears to be no details on how the internal original features are to be incorporated or preserved in the proposed internal design.

There appears to be no record of the remaining original features in either photographs or detailed descriptions referred to by the Applicant submitted with the Application. Such information has been provided when similar proposals have been submitted (e.g. 44 & 45 Hamilton Square).

There are no details provided regarding alteration of the existing ceilings or how fire and acoustic compartmentalisation between separate apartments is to be achieved to ensure minimum impact to original features while providing improved fire safety and improvement to energy demands. There are no details provided on how the basement will be relined or how existing features will be incorporated.

The floor plans indicate the closure of existing doorways, but there are no details on how the existing doors and original framing will be incorporated.

There is concern that, as submitted, this application does not equal the weight of information that should be expected for proposed renovation of a Grade 1 listing building. Without this provision of information, then significant permanent damage may be caused by the Applicant being able to use non-approved methods and/or materials.

Therefore OBJECTION is raised to this submitted Listed Building Application for 24 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead, CH41 6AY.

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